

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Application No

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 H01M4/46 H01M8/10 H01M4/86

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, CHEM ABS Data, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category | Character of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
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| Y | page 12, line 4 – page 13, line 7 page 15, line 19 – line 31 page 17, line 4 – line 18 examples 1-9 | 1-14 |
| Y | EP 0 577 291 A (JOHNSON MATTHEY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY) 5 January 1994 (1994-01-05) cited in the application page 6, right-hand column, line 7 – page 7, left-hand column, line 36; claim 9 | 1-14 |
| Y | WO 00/45448 A (CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY; NARAYANAN, S., R; ATTI, TONY; PRAK) 3 August 2000 (2000-08-03) page 5, line 4 – line 26 | 1-14 |

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1,3-8,10-14, partially

Present claims 1,3-8,10-14 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds of Structure A. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds of formula A mentioned in the description (see page 4, lines 10-14 and claims 2 and 9).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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PCT/GB 03/01959**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: **1, 3-8, 10-14, partially** because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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